

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 1-6, 8-10 and 13 and leaves claims 7, 11 and 12 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-13.

In the Office Action the Examiner alleges that restriction is required under 35 USC §121 and requests that Applicants elect of the alleged inventions for further prosecution on the merits. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the alleged Invention I, claims 1 and 2 for further prosecution on the merits.

It should be noted, that claims 3-13 were amended to depend directly or indirectly from claim 1. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 3-13 are now directed to the same alleged Invention I as claims 1 and 2 and as such should be examined along with claims 1 and 2.

Therefore, based on the above, prosecution on the merits should proceed with respect to claims 1-13 since they are all directed to the same alleged invention I. Accordingly, examination based on claims 1-13 in a forth coming Office Action is expected.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.43057X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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